



Telling the Camp Victory story

Aug. 5, 2006

U.S. troops deliver food, water to Iraqis

Story and photo by Spc. James P. Hunter

MNC-I PAO

Through the early morning hours, Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry Regiment made their way toward their objective in the Iraqi Family Village in Baghdad.

They cleared a number of buildings and secured an area within the village, enabling a second wave of U.S. troops, 1st Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, to come through.

They concentine wire around their objective and blocked off the main roads leading into the village.

Local Iraqi families started to gather quickly in the area because of the presence of U.S. troops.

U.S. military vehicles pulled into area, dropping off pallets of boxes and bottles of water.

Children sat in angst, watching as U.S. troops and local nationals pulled boxes from the pallets and downloaded them in the community counsel member's building.

Top Gun Light, U.S. troops delivered enough

meals to feed 600 families, feeding a total of 520 families, in the IFV in Baghdad, Friday.

Soldiers with the 2nd Bn., 137th Inf., 1st Bn., 320th FA Bde., and 4th Infantry Division, secured the outside perimeter, setting up a cordon, and searched each Iraqi family coming into the area to receive a meal while Iraqi Army soldiers controlled the inside security.

Inside, the community counsel members checked the Iraqis identification cards and handed each family a box of food and water.

The operation helped establish a relationship between Coalition Forces and the Iraqi citizens and also strengthened the relationship between the IFV locals and the community counsel members, said Lt. Col. Rafael Torres, 1st Bn., 320th FA Bde.

"I think what we have done is established the opportunity and trust of the local nationals," Torres said. "In the future, we will look for other ways to bring in clothing as the winter comes, utilizing the

counsel members."

Mustafa, a 17-yearold interpreter, said the area has limited electricity each day. The water is bad and food is sometimes scarce.

"The people Iraq, when they see American Soldiers, feel safe," he said. "They are here to help us and defeat terrorism. The American Soldiers are here for our freedom."

The IFV is important because it is a buffer zone between Victory Base Complex and Al Maria, said Torres. In the last six months, Al Maria has increases in sectarian violence



As apart of Operation Iraqis enter a secured area to receive food and water from their community counsel members given by Coalition troops in the Iraqi Family Village in Baghdad, Friday.

"With us maintaining a relationship with the locals and cooperation with them, the security establishes a buffer zone," he said. "Really, the relationship is critical for the battalion's mission as well as the mission of securing Victory Base Complex."

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Iraqi Police focus on security operations in Baghdad

Story and photo Spc. Jason Dangel 4th BCT PAO, 4th ID

The clamor and the hustle of a Baghdad market is common throughout the city as hundreds of citizens crowd the local streets to purchase necessities for

streets to purchase necessities for their homes. The thriving venues of vendors are comparable to a super market, with consumers waiting in line to purchase an array of commodities from fresh produce to clothing to electronics.

In a small market in the Doura neighborhood of southern Baghdad, things are no different, but according to 2nd Lt. Terry Gambrel, platoon leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, Iraqi Police are focused on improving the security situation.

The Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 506th Inf. Reg., currently attached to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, have patrolled Doura aggressively for months. Working with Iraqi Police at their side every step of the way. The Soldiers hope to restore peace to the neighborhood, said Gambrel, a native of Mobile, Ala.

He said the police officers from the Doura Police Station are fast becoming more proficient and capable of fighting their enemies due to the extensive training and combined operations conducted daily between Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces.

One of the ways Gambrel and his Soldiers are helping to improve the Doura Police, he said, is integrating them into



Infantry Division, have patrolled Doura aggressively for months.

An Iraqi police officer from the Doura police station in southern Baghdad patrols the Doura market during a combined patrol with Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, Multi-National Division – Baghdad July 25.

civil military operations, which means conducting more combined patrols and eventually getting the police to the point where they are operating independently.

Conducting raids, running checkpoints and securing the area from terrorists are

all ways the police will achieve public confidence as they continue to work with the 2nd Bn. Soldiers, said Gambrel.

An increased presence on the streets will help provide additional security, but this also means attacks on the IP will increase as well, said Spc. Dana Estacio,

an infantryman with Co. A, 2nd Bn., a native of Susanville, Calif.

"There have been many times when we are out on patrol with the police when they have been attacked. Sometimes only a couple blocks away from us," said Estacio while walking between vendors inside the Doura Market.

The best way to learn is from experience, said Estacio. Even though the terrorists are increasing attacks against the Doura Police, they still want to do their jobs.

"They do pretty well when they're out here,"

he said while dismounting his humvee just outside the market July 25. "Most of them come out here and want to work. They want to do their jobs.

"We find a lot of (improvised-explosive see POLICE, page 4

<u>Letters from home</u>

AWC Robert Passen HHC, STB, 4th Infantry Division

Bo, no matter what complicates our lives, one thing is pure and simple, I love you ~ heart and soul. Happy 20th Anniversary!!

Tonya

Camp Victory Three-day Forecast

Sunday



Sunny High: 117 F Low: 89 F

Monday



Sunny High: 117 F Low: 88 F

Tuesday



Sunny High: 117 F

Low: 88 F

This Week in Military History

with Lt. Tom Lewis, Australian Forces

Sixty-one years ago this week, final preparations were under way for the assault on Japan with atomic weapons, which was hoped would end the Pacific War. This readying of the new weapons was unknown to almost all of those fighting in that theatre. After more than three years of fighting in this theatre, in a scale unparalleled in its ferocity, the forthcoming assault on the Home Islands of Japan was understood to be immense in its potential size and casualties.

Being a part of WWII was to be caught up in the greatest conflict the world had ever known. Consider:

- -The Japanese nation, with a population of around 72 million, had one in eight of her countrymen in armed service. By comparison, the USA had about the same, as did Britain, but the USSR had one in ten in service.
- -Over 52 million people died as a direct result of WWII, although some accounts put this total around seven million higher. WWI, by comparison, killed around 11 million people.

If you were a serviceman of any country – Japanese or Allied – serving in the Pacific, in early August 61 years ago, you would have had some sobering thoughts as you prepared for the next assault. The fight for the island of Okinawa had some truly terrible statistics: Total American battle casualties were 49,151, with 12,520 Killed and Missing in Action. Approximately 110,000 Japanese were KIA at Okinawa, and 7,400 more were taken prisoner.

As the weary warriors of the Pacific on both sides drew back at the beginning of August 1945, they only thought that there was still a heavy fight to come. The Japanese had proved themselves time and again that they were brave and resourceful fighters and had no intention of surrendering. Many of those in service had doubts as to whether they would survive.

Did you know....

Many Japanese submarines of WWII carried aircraft? Some could carry up to three seaplanes, although a more usual load for the several classes which could carry airplanes was one or two machines. The aircraft were carried in watertight hangars which were usually attached to the hull forward or aft of the conning tower. The aircraft were of a special type with folding wings and other parts which could be added to the basic structure as necessary, and were usually used in a reconnaissance role, although attack was also possible from several models. The Imperial Japanese Navy built the largest submarines in the world during WWII, although their submarine fleet as a whole was not used as usefully as the German's U-boat fleet, mainly because the IJN attacked warships as well as the essential freighters, while the Kreigsmarine concentrated solely on logistical vessels as a preference.



Victory Base Open Circle

Spiritual philosophy and the practice of Wicca

and Pagan religions.

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All are Welcome

Chaplain's corner

GI Party

"In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness," Matthew 23:28

Being the obsessive person that I am, I love to throw my own personal GI party in my Containerized Housing Unit. I throw myself into a cleaning frenzy about every other day on my half of the room. My CH (MAJ) Charles M. Herring chaplain buddy even bought me a duster! The problem Religious Support Operations is that it never stays clean. The Bible tells me, "Dust thou art and dust thou shall return." (Genesis 3:19) The problem is with so much dust, I can't figure out whose coming and whose going!

One thing I have learned these last dusty months is that if my half of the room looks reasonably straight and orderly, it appears to be clean even when it really wasn't. Think about it, if you open the door to my CHU and see the bed sheets square and tight enough to bounce a Commander's Coin would you look into the corners of the bedposts for dust?

Over these last dusty days, I have concentrated more on the appearance of a clean room and have slothfully neglected a true GI, toothbrush in the corner, cleaning party. I will admit that I momentarily gave in to the cleaning philosophy of an



MNC-I Chaplain Office

elderly cousin on my Dad's side of the family that is remembered as saying, "I know cleanliness is next to Godliness but a little nastiness never killed nobody."

My compromise was not only expedient, it was persuasive! Some evenings when I returned to my CHU I even fooled myself, opening the door and seeing that straight and square bunk all made taunt and tight. But when I opened the blinds it was a different picture all together. My side of the room was revealed for what it was – dusty; shamefully dusty, nasty dusty and ungodly dusty!

It was the scribes and Pharisees in Jesus' day that were hypocrites who concentrated on the appearance of holiness while neglecting true inner holiness. When the "sonshine" of Jesus shone upon them, the truth about their outward appearance of holiness was revealed. Jesus did not say their outward holiness was wrong; it was their use of outward holiness to cover up their wickedness that was wrong. They were in dire need of

Keeping my half of the room squared away is not wrong, but pretending the room of my heart is clean when it is spiritually "dusty" is definitely wrong. It is time for a heart and soul GI party. Now where is my bucket and Lysol concentrate? If my roommate hid those again.....

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devices) and get into a lot of firefights. It's just a rough neck of the woods," Dawson said.

Dawson explained ability to gain actionable intelligence on terrorists operating in the neighborhood is hard to come by as most of the people fear that their families will be in danger if



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jason Dangel, 4th BCT PAO, 4th ID

2nd Lt. Terry Gambrel, platoon leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, patrols the Doura market in southern Baghdad July 25. Gambrel and his platoon, along with Iraqi police, conduct combined patrols to deter terrorist activity in the Doura neighborhood.

they talk to the Soldiers and Iraqi Police, who patrol the neighborhood market daily.

a spiritual GI party!

"Usually when we talk to the people on the streets, we try to get information about the terrorists: but most of the time, the conversation twists back about the water and electricity problems they having," Dawson said.

The citizens of the neighborhood wait until they are alone with the Soldiers to report violence, explained Dawson. In most cases, it is too late to locate the individuals responsible for the crimes.

confident in the police Dawson he expects the citizens will start reporting transgressions



U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO Sgt. Nolan Dawson, infantry team leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, keeps an As the people of the eye on a suspected tenorist manner on Iraqi cieye on a suspected terrorist wanted for quesneighborhood become vilians in the Doura neighborhood of southern Baghdad July 25.

to the Doura police so they can deal with the problems independently.

Faces of Freedom

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U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO

Two children smile in the Iraqi Family Village while U.S. troops deliver meals to approximately 520 Iraqi families, Friday.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO

Hidden behind concentine wire, a young Iraqi boy sits in the Iraqi Family Village, Baghdad, Friday. U.S. troops delivered meals to approximately 520 families.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO

Three Iraqi children smile while sitting on a curb in the Iraqi Family Village, Baghdad. U.S. troops delivered meals to approximately 520 families, Friday.



An American Soldier treats an Iraqi child with a wound on his hand in the Iraqi Family Village in Baghdad, Friday. U.S. troops delivered meals to approximately 520 meals to Iraqi families. A 17year-old interpreter said the Iraqis are very appreciative of the Americans Soldiers and "The American Soldiers are here for our Freedom. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO)



U.S. Army photo by Spc. James P. Hunter, MNC-I PAO

Sitting behind concentine wire, Iraqi families wait for U.S. and Iraqi troops to open the gates to receive meals. U.S. troops delivered meals to approximately 520 families.

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The families within the village are self-contained, Torres said.

"With all the sectarian violence, this village has trouble going into Al Maria and Al Farat," he said. "So

level organization involve the local nationals a much as possible," he added. "And in the last six months we've been able to embed with the counsel members and now all projects go through them. Using them brings credibility to their position."

Under the old regime,



A Soldier passes water to a local national to be placed in the community consel members building in the Iraqi Family Village Friday.

all the help they can receive from us is a good thing."

"But again, as we transition the Iraqi Security Forces, it's important that we as a coalition and a battalion Iraqis weren't able to operate as a small entity as a village would in the United States with counsel members and mayors, Torres said.

"This is a first step in

working in that direction, which really nests tactical objectives with the operational objectives of the coalition here in Iraq," he added. "They're now starting to stand up their structure as an organizational village or counsel. Although we don't recognize them as a counsel, we want them to have the legitimacy as a group of planners and leaders to better the community as well as taking care of their sick."

Now, there are rnay.

nine members of
the counsel, and when they
speak, the community reacts,
Torres said.

"One of our objectives was to bring the governance to the local communities at the tactical level," he said. "We've been very successful in that area."

He believes the operation was satisfying for the Soldiers

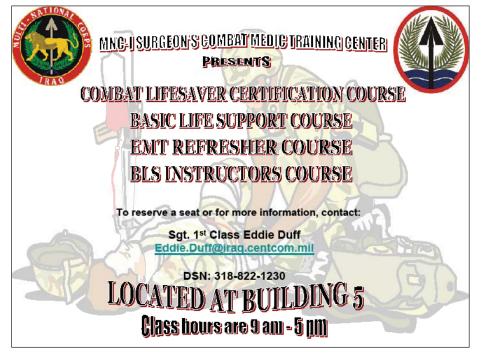


A Soldier checks an Iraqi woman prior to her receiving meals for her family in the Iraqi Family Village Friday.

just as much for the Iraqi citizens.

"There isn't a Soldier out here today (thinking) he didn't do what he came here for," Torres said.

He went on to say the operation truly justifies why American and Coalition troops continue to fight insurgency throughout Iraq and sacrifice for their country everday.





Around Iraq

Aug. 2, 2006

Iraqi army searches for kidnappers

FOB LOYALTY, Iraq – Soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, raided a suspected safe house for kidnappers in the Fadhel district of east Baghdad early Saturday morning with the assistance of Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

An Iraqi man approached an Iraqi army checkpoint manned by Company B and informed troops there that he and his brother had been kidnapped and had escaped.

He told the IA soldiers that he was handcuffed to a window in a nearby home but had managed to pick the lock and escape with his brother.

The man led an IA patrol to the house, where they found two AK-47 assault rifles, body armor, black masks and ammunition. The handcuffs were still attached to the window.

The owners are wanted by Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces for questioning.

Aug. 2, 2006

Iraqi National Police, MND-B Soldiers capture 8 terrorists, weapons, anti-Iraqi propaganda

BAGHDAD – Iraqi National Police and Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 35th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, captured eight suspected terrorists during a joint operation in the Doura neighborhood, near the center of Baghdad, at approximately 9:15 a.m. today.

The operation focused on locating and detaining suspected terrorists; Soldiers searched seven houses in the area.

The Soldiers detained the suspected terrorists and seized weapons, various bomb-making materials, anti-Iraqi propaganda and two vehicles.

Aug. 2, 2006

IA soldiers capture 4 suspected terrorists, find weapons

BAGHDAD – Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 1st Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, captured four suspected terrorists near the Al Najma Mosque in Baghdad's Kadamiyah district at approximately 5 p.m. Sunday.

The men were stopped in the area when the soldiers noticed four vehicle occupants carrying guns. During a search of the vehicle, the soldiers found sensitive information and propaganda.

Iraqi army soldiers detained the men and confiscated their weapons and the documents found.

In another incident, soldiers from 2nd Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, found a cache of 18 82mm mortar rounds in a trash can in Baghdad's Adhamiyah neighborhood at approximately 2 p.m. Monday.

Aug. 2, 2006

Iraqi and Coalition forces search Al Anbar University in response to insurgent activity

RAMADI, Iraq - This morning Iraqi Security Forces, with

support from Coalition forces, began searching Al Anbar University in southwestern Ramadi, which is being used as a center for insurgent activity.

Iraqi and Coalition forces have received sniper fire from the university on multiple occasions, and credible intelligence reports indicated the university is being used as an insurgent safe haven and command center. Iraqi and Coalition forces are securing the university to provide a safe and secure educational environment.

Soldiers from 1st Brigade, 7th Iraqi Army Division, with support from soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, will conduct the search of the university. The 7th Division Military Police Company will assist in providing security.

Military personnel will leave the university as soon as possible, turning over security to Iraqi Police. Operations were planned to coincide with a recess from summer classes. No classes were in session.

Extensive planning has been conducted to ensure the operation does not interrupt the new school year and to ensure the university continues to provide academic services.

August 2, 2006

Iraqi Forces Target 'Death Squad' Activities in Four Baghdad Operations

BALAD – Iraqi army and security forces conducted four early-morning raids in Baghdad on August 1, capturing three primary suspects associated with 'death squads' in an ongoing effort to stem activities of these organizations.

The precision operations, conducted by Iraqi forces accompanied by coalition force observers, occurred in three areas, all in the western part of Baghdad.

In the Ashulla area of northwest Baghdad, Iraqi army forces captured two individuals, including one known high-level insurgent leader. This 'leader' controls several smaller cells that allegedly conduct improvised explosive device attacks against coalition forces, traffic weapons, and kidnap, torture, and murder Iraqi citizens and Iraqi soldiers. It is believed that one of his 'punishment cells' kidnapped and murdered 14 Iraqi soldiers in May as he looked on.

In the al Rasheed area of southwest Baghdad, Iraqi security forces conducted two separate raids and captured two primary targets. One individual is an insurgent informant alleged to be an active participant in targeting and killing Iraqi citizens. A second individual allegedly conducted a mortar attack against Baghdad International Airport, transported weapons and IEDs, and participated in the murder of Iraqi citizens.

During the fourth and final operation, an insurgent cell leader and two others were captured by Iraqi Army scouts in the Ghazaliya area of western Baghdad. This cell leader is believed to have conducted IED and rocket propelled grenade attacks against Iraqi and coalition forces; he also is believed to be involved in killing Iraqi citizens.

Each operation occurred without incident; no Iraqi or coalition forces were injured.

Operating hours

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Breakfast 5:30 - 8:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dinner 5:30 - 8 p.m.

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Saturday & Sunday 7:30 a.m. - noon Legal Assistance/Claims

Saturday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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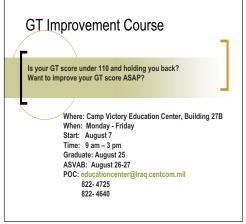
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